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Report of the Secretary-General

1. By its resolution 46/41 B of 6 December 1991, the General Assembly noted with regret the continuing participation of the apartheid minority regime of South Africa in meetings of the Antarctic Treaty Consultative Parties, and "appealed once again to the Antarctic Treaty Consultative Parties to take urgent measures to exclude the apartheid minority regime from participation in their meetings at the earliest possible date until such time that the abhorrent system and practices of apartheid minority domination are totally eliminated in South Africa".

2. In that resolution the General Assembly also requested the Secretary-General to submit a report to the Assembly at its forty-seventh session, taking into account the concern expressed in paragraph 2 of resolution 46/41 B.

3. Accordingly, the Secretary-General addressed a note verbale to the States Parties 1/ to the Antarctic Treaty asking them to reply in pursuance of paragraphs 3 and 4 of resolution 46/41 B as soon as possible, but not later than 30 May 1992.

4. On 28 May 1992, the Secretary-General received the following note from the Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations, responding on behalf of States Parties to the Antarctic Treaty:

> "The Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations, acting on behalf of the States Parties to the Antarctic Treaty, presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to refer to the latter's note No. PAD/92/46/41B of 25 February 1992 concerning the General Assembly resolution (46/41) of 6 December 1991 on the question of Antarctica.

"The Permanent Representative of Germany has the honour to recall that the note of the Mission of Australia of 1 July 1987 on behalf of States Parties to the Antarctic Treaty was concerned with the same matter. The note continues fully to reflect their position."

5. The note to which the Permanent Representative of Germany makes reference is reproduced in a previous report of the Secretary-General (A/42/587).

Notes

1/ The States Parties to the Antarctic Treaty are the following (underlining indicates consultative status): Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Ecuador, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, India, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Poland, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America and Uruguay.